

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 507

By Yager

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Scott County Sheriff
Mike Cross.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Sheriff Mike Cross, a dedicated and exemplary public servant; and

WHEREAS, Sheriff Cross was committed to the protection of the people of Scott County, spending his life serving the community as a law enforcement officer; and

WHEREAS, he dedicated much of his career to Scott County, serving as Oneida's chief of police for fifteen years before being elected as sheriff; and

WHEREAS, Sheriff Cross performed his appointed duties in an admirable manner that distinguished him as a credit to both his community and his profession. Scott County was made a better and safer place to live through his service; and

WHEREAS, he served with acumen and faithfulness as sheriff, in which position he earned the respect of his peers and the public alike for the quality of his work in bringing together a community torn apart by drug abuse; and

WHEREAS, Sheriff Cross was a concerned citizen of the Scott County community, where he is best remembered for organizing monthly prayer meetings, asserting that only through faith would he be unable to defeat the problems in the community; and

WHEREAS, he is regarded by many as the best sheriff that Scott County has seen in decades due to his enthusiasm and straight forward way of dealing with problems within the county; and

WHEREAS, Mike Cross enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife Tammy for 27 years and was the proud father of Mallory and Michael Tyler; and

WHEREAS, he is also survived by his mother Dorothy Cross; his sisters Gail Watson, Cynthia Reynolds, and Donna Cross; and brothers Tim and Garry Cross; and

WHEREAS, Sheriff Cross leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Scott County, and indeed the entire state, have felt the deep pain produced by this loss of one of our best and brightest law enforcement officers; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional law enforcement officer and human being; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Sheriff Mike Cross, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and limitless courage as someone to whom so many looked as a shining example of bravery, benevolence, and dependability.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Sheriff Cross.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.